



## Big Thicket National Preserve

**Brief Description:** The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program is a professional development opportunity for K-12 educators to learn about the resources and educational materials available through Big Thicket National Preserve (BITH) and the National Park Service (NPS) for application in their classrooms, and to apply their knowledge and skills to enhance BITH and NPS educational programs and materials.

**Program Dates:** About 8 weeks, from early June to mid-August. Will work with the teacher to determine the exact dates.

**Hourly Requirement:** 240 hours, consisting of 160 hours on a major educational project, 45 hours on online course work, and 35 hours working directly with the NPS.

**Graduate Credit:** 3 graduate credit hours through an online course with the University of Colorado/Denver.

**Stipend:** Stipend of \$3,000 upon completion of program and graduate course requirements.

**Housing:** Housing is not available.

### Program Goals:

- Provide teachers with park-based learning experiences on the resources and themes interpreted in the national parks, particularly in Big Thicket National Preserve, for inclusion into their classes.
- Provide parks with the expertise of teachers to enhance park education programs and services.

### Major Duties:

- Develop and lead weekly youth programs in the preserve throughout the summer.
- Review the preserve's education materials and programs for compliance with state and national curriculum standards.
- Develop a lesson plan based on the resources found in Big Thicket National Preserve.

**How to Apply:** Application materials are on our website at [www.nps.gov/bith/learn/education/index](http://www.nps.gov/bith/learn/education/index). Applications are due by May 5, 2015.

To learn more about the nationwide TRT program, please go to <http://teacherrangerteacher.org>. To learn more about Big Thicket National Preserve, please visit our website at [www.nps.gov/bith](http://www.nps.gov/bith).

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